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present, with regard to ship subsidies in all countries. No elaboration of any of the important systems such as, for instance, the navigation laws of England is attempted. No opinion, no evaluation is offered or made—such is impossible in the space of one hundred pages. However, as a compact presentation of the facts involved the book should prove very serviceable.

War and Other Essays. By WILLIAM GRAHAM SUMNER. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1911. 8vo, pp. xxii+381. \$2.25 net.

This book is chiefly a collection of essays which had previously been published in some other form; but in addition it contains an interesting biographical sketch by Professor Keller. The essays are not limited to any particular period or branch of the writer's work. The later examples in particular show a close connection with the thought of the *Folkways*. The concept of the influence of the *mores* is very marked. Earlier essays on practical application of sociological principles and on the issues which were uppermost at the time show the same clear and forceful treatment and energetic denunciation of whatever policy the author had found untenable. Much is added by the sympathetic biography which gives a friend's insight into the work and character of the writer.

Mathematische Theorie des Tarifwesens. By ANDREAS VOIGT. Jena: Gustav Fischer, 1912. 8vo, pp. x+74.

This study presents a mathematical system for the critical study of tax and price schedules. Part I deals with the general characteristics, the content, and various forms of such tariffs. Part II treats of examples of errors in tariff construction with especial reference to the Prussian income tax, which is characterized as a most fruitful source of such examples. The passenger traffic zone tariff is also critically discussed. Part III discusses the application of the mathematical theory to the construction of a schedule in such a way as to determine whether or not the financial, commercial, or social policy is being realized by the schedule as prescribed.

L'interprétation économique de l'histoire. By E. R. A. SELIGMAN. Paris: Marcel Rivière et Cie., 1911. 8vo, pp. x+176. Translated by HENRI-EMILE BARRAULT.

The French translation of Professor Seligman's popular exposition of the *Economic Interpretation of History* is prefaced by a valuable analytical and critical study of the views of Marx in connection with the subject under consideration. The Preface is over the name of M. Georges Sorel.